

## CLAIMS

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### WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A lanyard device comprising:

2 a flexible cord having a first end and a second end, the first end includes a first  
protuberance and the second end includes a second protuberance, wherein the first  
4 protuberance and the second protuberance are selectively removable from the first end and the  
second end of the flexible cord when a predetermined force is applied to the first protuberance  
6 and the second protuberance; and

a means for coupling an object to the flexible cord, the coupling means comprising a J-  
8 shaped bore through which the flexible cord is insertable.

2. The lanyard device of claim 1 wherein the coupling means comprises a main bore sized  
2 to engage the object by a friction fit.

3. The lanyard device of claim 1 wherein the coupling means comprises a loop capable of  
2 engaging the object.

4. The lanyard device of claim 1 wherein the coupling means comprises a snap fitting  
2 capable of engaging the object.

5. The lanyard device of claim 1 wherein the coupling means comprises a substantially flat  
2 base that is sized to engage a base of a cigarette lighter.

6. The lanyard device of claim 1 wherein the first protuberance the second protuberance  
2 are made of a resilient material.

7. The lanyard device of claim 1 wherein the first protuberance and the second  
2 protuberance comprise a body defining at least one bore sized to engage the first end of the  
flexible cord, the second end of the flexible cord, or both the first end and the second end of  
4 the flexible cord.

8. The lanyard device of claim 7 wherein the at least one bore includes an annular ridge  
2 capable of engaging an outer surface of the first end or the second end of the flexible cord.

9. The lanyard device of claim 7 wherein the body further comprises a clip member  
2 coupled to the body.

10. A lanyard device comprising:

2 a flexible cord having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end and the second  
end include a means for disengaging the first end and the second end of the flexible cord when  
4 a predetermined force is applied to the means; and

a coupling means for coupling an object to the flexible cord, the coupling means  
6 comprising a J-shaped bore, wherein the first end and the second end of flexible cord is  
insertable through the J-shaped bore.

11. The lanyard device of claim 10 wherein the disengaging means comprises a first  
2 protuberance coupled to the first end of the flexible cord and a second protuberance coupled to  
the second end of the flexible cord.

12. The lanyard device of claim 10 wherein the disengaging means comprises a body  
2 defining at least one bore sized to engage the first end of the flexible cord, the second end of  
the flexible cord, or both the first end and the second end of the flexible cord.

13. The lanyard device of claim 12 wherein the at least one bore includes an annular ridge  
2 capable of engaging an outer surface of the first end or the second end of the flexible cord.

14. The lanyard device of claim 12 wherein the body further comprises a clip member  
2 coupled and biased with the body.

15. The lanyard device of claim 10 wherein the coupling means comprises a main bore  
2 sized to engage the object by a friction fit.

16. The lanyard device of claim 10 wherein the coupling means comprises a loop capable  
2 of engaging the object.

17. The lanyard device of claim 10 wherein the coupling means comprises a snap fitting  
2 capable of mating with a corresponding fitting engaged to the object.

18. The lanyard device of claim 10 wherein the coupling means comprises a substantially  
2 flat base that is sized to engage a base of a cigarette lighter.

19. A lanyard device comprising:

2 a flexible cord forming a loop and having a first end and a second end, the first end  
includes a first protuberance and the second end includes a second protuberance, wherein the  
4 first protuberance and the second protuberance are selectively removable from the first end and  
the second end of the flexible cord when a predetermined force is applied to the first  
6 protuberance and the second protuberance; and

a body slidably engaged with the flexible cord through a J-shaped bore, the body having  
8 a means for coupling an object to the body.